

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2014
6:30PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:35PM

Flag Salute, Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call: Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Riquelme, Zamechansky-present
Councilman Carrick-absent
Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilwoman Correa
Second: Councilman Riquelme
All in favor.

Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

- #14-94 Approval of 2013 LOSAP Contribution (revised-\$46,800) *
- #14-95 "Friends of the Shade Tree"-Authorization to Submit Application for Inclusion in the Joint Insurance Fund * (previously pulled) **Moved to Non-consent agenda**
- #14-96 Approval of Hiring DPW Seasonal Workers-\$10.00 per hour *
- #14-97 Authorization of Optional Direct Deposit for Municipal Employees *
- #14-98 Approval of Hiring Michael Schell as a Per Diem Dispatcher-\$12.75 per hour, no benefits *
- #14-99 Approval of Hiring Michael Kasper as a Per Diem Dispatcher-\$16.00 per hour, no benefits *
- #14-100 Approval of Hiring Diran Jebejian as a Per Diem Dispatcher-\$14.00 per hour, no benefits *

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Hayes
Second: Councilman Brophy
All in favor.
Motion to close to the public: Councilman Brophy
Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the revised Consent Agenda: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Non-consent Agenda

#14-95 "Friends of the Shade Tree"-Authorization to Submit Application for Inclusion in the Joint Insurance Fund *

Motion to adopt: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Riquelme-abstained

ORDINANCE

Second Reading

#1471 Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limit and Establish Cap Bank

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Administrator's Report

According to the Dumont Pool management they met with Bergenfield to look into a possible joint venture. There is a possibility Bergenfield's pool will not open this year. Dumont is considering discussion offering a seasonal membership for Bergenfield residents which could generate \$30,000 for Dumont. Negotiations are ongoing. Mr. Perkins is waiting for a written report as to what steps they've taken.

The new Senior Bus will be delivered by next week.

We will be looking into applying for a "Safe Routes to School" grant from the DOT.

Engineer's Report

The fence replacement is coming along. Babe Ruth Field is substantially complete.

There have been some field lighting issues which will be corrected.

The Little League field will hopefully be complete by Saturday.

The tennis courts will be resurfaced as soon as the weather warms up.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Brophy

Finance

At the last meeting the budget was introduced for 2014 at \$113.00 per household based on \$307,000 average home. The main increases to the town include are the contractual salary and wages-Police Department, DPW- increases in our garbage contract, BCUA. These total approximately \$616,000 increase over last year's budget.

Since that time the Committee has met again and found that one police officer retiring will bring a savings to the salary increase line. There are also favorable new pension numbers, which resulted in more than \$100,000 in savings. There was also some unanticipated FEMA money from the 2011 storm.

Therefore, the municipal tax increase to an average home is \$48.75, which is not yet final.

- Councilwoman Correa

The Councilwoman will give her report at the April 15th meeting

- Councilman Hayes

Recreation

There has been trouble with the fields so over the last two weeks he, Councilman Riquelme and Administrator Perkins spoke to Recreation. The engineer was called and the issues have been addressed.

Joint Land Use Board

They met March 25th and the minutes from the last couple of meetings were approved. There were concerned citizens who spoke about the D'Angelo property.

- Councilman Riquelme

Police Department

The police committee met with Chief Faulborn to discuss staff shortage. An officer and a lieutenant resigned. His recommendation was to add two officers. If the Council agrees, he would like to start the process as soon as possible.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 12th at 10:00 at Memorial Park.

April 27th from 1-3 is the park dedication for Dawn Totten at Columbia Field.

Mayor's Report

No report

Attorney's Report

Mr. Paster was in court on the police promotion lawsuit. There are motions being heard by the court to dismiss the case for failure to state a claim.

A motion was filed last week to stay proceedings pending further advice from COAH on the third round obligations.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

1. MaryAnn Russini, 141 Roosevelt, said that the residents of Roosevelt were to receive a letter to meet with the Mayor but have not yet received it.
2. Ed Russini said the soil has gone down; there are bugs. There has to be a resolution, not at the homeowner's expense.

3. Debbie Tamburro, 125 Roosevelt Avenue, asked if they can regrade. She has a problem with her garage. She has French drains. The Mayor and council members have come to look at her property. She can't sit in her backyard. She doesn't feel that she should have to pay \$5,000 to tie into the proposed line.
4. Rachel Bunin said that the Joint Land Use Board asked why the residents keep showing up. There are options other than building high density apartments. There could be flooding of area around D'Angelo's if housing is put on the property
5. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked for clarification of Council member attendance. The Mayor said that call-in attendance is counted. They can miss eight meetings.
6. George Rafferty, 34 Blanche Ct., asked if the town has come up with another proposal. He feels houses would be better.
7. Lily Binney, Roxbury, asked if we are short credits for Round 1 of COAH. Mr. Paster responded that we have satisfied our credits for Rounds 1 & 2.
8. Jerry DeRusso, 85 DeLong Ave., asked if there would be any problem rolling back the farm abatement that the property got if it is rezoned as residential.
9. Lily Binney read that farms have to do \$500 in business to qualify. If not, the next year they are charged an added assessment no longer as a farm. They go back two earlier years.
10. Dominic Panfile, 15 Cherokee, had sent a letter requesting an amendment to the ordinance pertaining to commercial trucks parked at the property owner's house. He would like the ordinance amended to allow business owners to park on their property. Mr. Perkins said that this is a growing problem in town. The Mayor said the ordinance committee will discuss the situation.
11. MaryAnn Russini said that the house on the corner seems to be abandoned and asked if anyone has looked in it.
12. Debbie Tamburro said the house is an eyesore and she is concerned about safety.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session for discussion of:

COAH Compliance Litigation

Personnel-Council

Motion: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Following closed session:

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

#14-101 Councilman Brophy made a motion to censure Matt Carrick based upon the passive aggressive apology he issued without copying everyone, which is the bare minimum required in this situation.

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

The Police Chief has requested hiring two police officers. Presently, there are officers out on disability or illness. Productivity of the police department was discussed. A review of the 12 hour shift is due from the Chief this Monday. This matter will be discussed in the near future.

Motion to close: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk